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Conyers Reflects on the Legacy of Vincent Chin

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement on the twentieth anniversary of the death of Vincent Chin:

"On the twentieth anniversary of Vincent Chin's death, we not only commemorate the life of a hard-working Chinese-American, but also are reminded how hatred and violence are manifested when race and ethnicity are used as scapegoats.

"Moreover, the misidentification of Chin as a Japanese-American during a depression in the Detroit automobile industry is eerily similar to the murder of Sikh-Americans mistaken for Arab-Americans today.

"Twenty years later, as we enter an era in which racial categorizations are used in the name of national security, we owe it to Mr. Chin's legacy that we avoid the same pitfalls that resulted in his tragic death.

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